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NEW MEXICO
Final Area Designations for the
2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

As indicated in the table below, EPA is designating no counties or portions of counties within New Mexico as nonattainment for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (2008 ozone NAAQS). In accordance with section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act, EPA must designate an area “nonattainment” if it is violating the 2008 ozone NAAQS or if it is contributing to a violation of the 2008 ozone NAAQS in a nearby area.

Designated Nonattainment Areas in New Mexico

Area	New Mexico’s Recommended Nonattainment Counties	EPA’s Designated Nonattainment Counties
None	None	None

State and Tribal Government Recommendations

Governor Richardson submitted an ozone designation recommendation letter for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County to then Acting Regional Administrator, Larry Starfield on February 5, 2009, and recommendations for the remaining counties in New Mexico in a separate letter on March 11, 2009. At that time, a recommendation of “nonattainment” for a portion of Dona Ana County was made, based on a design value of 0.076 ppm at the Desert View monitoring site (one of six in the county). This design value was derived from certified data for the period from 2006 – 2008.

In a follow-up letter from New Mexico Secretary of Environment Department Martin to Regional Administrator Armendariz dated October 17, 2011, New Mexico revised its ozone designation recommendation to “attainment” for all counties. This revised recommendation was based on certified data for the period from 2008 – 2010, which indicates no violations of the 2008 ozone NAAQS in Dona Ana County or elsewhere in the state.

In addition to the recommendation letters received from the state of New Mexico, EPA also received 2008 ozone designation recommendation letters from Governor Roybal of the Pueblo of San Ildefonso and Governor Dasheno of the Pueblo of Santa Clara in March 2009. Governor Roybal recommended a designation of “attainment” for the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, and Governor Dasheno recommended a designation of “unclassifiable” for the Pueblo of Santa Clara.

State and Tribal Government Recommendations

Upon evaluation of the recommendations received from the state of New Mexico and tribal authorities, as well as the most recent certified air quality monitoring data, EPA is designating all counties and areas of Indian country in New Mexico as “unclassifiable/attainment” for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. There are no ambient air quality monitors within the state of New Mexico with design values that indicate a violation of the 2008 ozone NAAQS, based on certified data for the period from 2008 - 2010, and there are no nonattainment areas that border the state of New Mexico. The nonattainment areas nearest to New Mexico are the Phoenix-Mesa area in Arizona and the Denver-Boulder-Greeley-Ft Collins-Loveland area in Colorado.